

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

IT&C Dept – Notification – Information Technology (IT) Industry as an **Essential Service** – Orders –Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (Promotions) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 5

Dated: 20.04.2010

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.8, IT&C Department, dt: 27.06.2003.
2. Representation from National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM) to Hon'ble CM of AP on 15.02.2010.

O R D E R:

Government vide first read above, issued notification declaring IT Software Industry including IT Software, IT services and IT Enabled Services in the Information & Communications Technology Sector as Essential Service under Andhra Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1971 (Act No.20 of 1971).

2. In this regard, vide second read above, National Association of Service & Software Companies (NASSCOM) has represented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP seeking certain clarifications in this regard for uninterrupted functioning of IT Offices.

3. Under Andhra Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1971 (Act No.20 of 1971), the State Government, being of opinion that strikes in any service would prejudicially affect the maintenance of any public utility service, the public safety or the maintenance of such services would result in the infliction of grave hardship on the community, is empowered to declare such service as Essential Service.

4. Further having recognized the importance of Information Technology services as a tool for socio-economic development of the State and the need for rendering such services on 24 hours basis, the Government felt that it is expedient to treat the IT industry as an Essential Service Under Andhra Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1971 (Act No.20 of 1971).

5. In order to enable the IT industry to function in an uninterrupted manner, Government after careful consideration, hereby reiterate and reaffirm that IT Software Industry including IT Software, IT services and IT Enabled Services in the Information & Communications Technology Sector is an Essential Service under Andhra Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1971 (Act No.20 of 1971).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.RATNA PRABHA
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The Principal Secretary, Labour, Employment, Training & Factories Department
The Director I&PR, Hyderabad for necessary publicity through print & electronic media
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All the Collectors in the State

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- (i) M/s.NASSCOM
- (ii) M/s.ITs AP
- (iii) The Director, STPI & Development Commissioner, AP IT SEZs
- (iv) The Law (E) Department

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